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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

8 United States of America, )  
9 Plaintiff, ) No. 08-0228M  
10 v )  
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12 Fernando Mendoza-Luna, ) **ORDER**  
13 Defendant, )  
14 *(Reentry After Deportation)*

15 HAVING considered the Motion of the Defendant to allow the Government  
16 additional time under the Speedy Trial Act to file an indictment, together with the  
17 Government's Response, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting the  
18 extension outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. 18  
U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A).

19 In making this finding, the Court has considered each of the factors specified in 18  
20 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B). In addition, the Court has considered the following:

- 21 1. Counsel has only recently been appointed;
- 22 2. The defendant earnestly wishes to review a plea offer if extended by the  
23 government;
- 24 3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering the  
25 government's plea offer;
- 26 4. The government's plea offer if accepted by the defendant and then the court,  
27 would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of  
imprisonment;
- 28 5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment, the  
government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer after  
indictment would likely be less advantageous to the defendant;

1       6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to  
2       bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful  
3       way prior to indictment; and

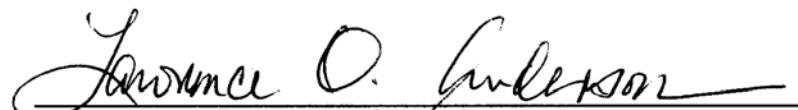
4       7. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of  
5       the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

6       The Court therefore concludes that the ends of justice are best served by granting an  
7       extension of time to present the case to the grand jury and in excluding a period of thirty  
8       (30) days under the Speedy Trial Act. In making this determination, the Court has  
9       particularly taken into account that the failure to grant the Defendant's request "would deny  
10       counsel for the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking  
11       into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

12       **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendant's Motion to Extend Time for Indictment  
13       requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within the government may seek to indict  
14       defendant, is hereby granted.

15       **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §  
16       3161, the Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely Indictment.  
17       Excludable time shall begin to run on the 31st day after arrest for a period of thirty (30)  
18       days in which the Government may present the case to the grand jury.

19       DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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21       Lawrence O. Anderson  
22       United States Magistrate Judge